

Mineral King Valley cabins saved



As one of the longest-existing communities in the high Sierra Nevada, many families currently occupying rustic cabins represent the sixth and seventh generation of the original prospectors and entrepreneurs who came to Mineral King more than 100 years ago to seek their fortune.

President George Bush signed into law a provision by Rep. Devin Nunes that would allow the owners of historic cabins in Mineral King Valley to continue to lease them from the U.S. Park Service.

The legislation was part of an omnibus appropriations bill that passed Congress in November.

“This fixes a provision of

the law that would have soon destroyed a group of historic and rustic cabins that have been a part of our region’s history since it was settled,” Rep. Nunes said.

Specifically, the bill would amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to:

- (1) eliminate the requirement that ownership be relinquished after

25 years or upon the death of the owner;

- (2) grant renewals or extensions of leases or permits on Federal land within Mineral King Valley to the heirs, successors, and assigns of those persons who were lessees or permittees of record on the enactment of such Act.

Nunes: Korea agrees to lift ban on CA citrus

The Korean government contacted Rep. Devin Nunes to announce they were prepared to lift a ban on California citrus shipments.

In April, the Korean National Plant Quarantine Service banned the importation of oranges from Fresno and Tulare counties because inspectors in that country supposedly detected a fungus called *Septoria ci-*

tri. These shipments represent more than \$80 million in local farm income.

“I am gratified that the Korean government has agreed to lift the ban on California citrus. Our produce is of the highest quality and is the safest in the world,” said Rep. Nunes, a member of the Agriculture Committee. “Korea is our largest export market for oranges and it is

essential to maintain a healthy and fair trading relationship.”

Although tests in the U.S. showed no signs of the fungus, industry officials, in conjunction with the USDA, moved quickly to respond to Korean concerns by enhancing its inspection protocol, making certain that potentially infected fruit does not leave the state.

In the first term

During his first, Rep. Nunes cast 1,221 recorded votes on issues that are vital to the United States.

Also during that first term, Rep. Nunes wrote to 28,602 constituents in response to their inquiries via the U.S. Mail.